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Subject: HB2 and Montana Main Street Program

TO: Joint Appropriations Committee
Ryan Osmundson, Kelly McCarthy, Champ Edmunds, Alan Olson, Dave Wanzenried, Ed Buttrey
RE: HB2

I am writing to express my support for the modest funding for the Montana Main Street Program contained in the Department of Commerce budget.

Montana's downtowns and Main Streets are the heart and soul of communities across the state. Without healthy downtowns and Main Streets our communities would be without their unique sense of place. Without the programs of the Department of Commerce Main Street Program many Montana communities would be Anyplace, USA.

I urge the Joint Appropriations Committee and the Montana Legislature to approve the funding for the Montana Main Street Program.

In closing, it is my professional opinion that the current funding of \$125,000 is perhaps not enough to support the needs of the Main Street Program communities like Shelby, Glasgow, Glendive and Sheridan. The Department of Commerce staff is doing a great job of maximizing the tax payers investment. The benefit to Montana communities would be exponential with additional funding.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued support of the Montana Main Street Program.

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